

CITY OF AUSTIN RUNOFF ELECTION CALENDAR

DECEMBER 13, 2016 RUNOFF ELECTION

November 14	Last day to register to vote in the runoff election.
November 16	City Clerk conducts drawing for order of names on ballot (drawing scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street). ¹
November 22	City Council canvasses results of November 2016 general municipal election (canvass scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street). ²
November 22	City Council orders runoff election. ³
December 1	First day of early voting by personal appearance. ⁴
December 2	Last day to apply for ballot by mail (must be received, not simply postmarked). ⁵
December 5	Deadline for filing with the City Clerk the statement of campaign contributions and expenditures ("Runoff Report") by opposed candidates who have not filed a declaration of intent to follow modified reporting procedures, and by specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees involved in the election supporting or opposing opposed candidates in the runoff. ⁶ <u>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</u> ⁷
December 9	Last day of early voting by personal appearance. ⁸
December 13	RUNOFF ELECTION DAY ⁹
December 22	City Council canvasses result of December 2016 runoff election (canvass scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street.) ¹⁰
January 6, 2017	Inauguration/swearing in of elected officials (scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street.)
January 17	Deadline for filing with the City Clerk the semiannual statement of campaign contributions and expenditures by all candidates, specific-purpose committees, certain general-purpose committees, and certain officeholders. <u>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</u> ¹¹

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1. No statutory time is mandated.
 2. Canvass must be held not earlier than the eighth day after Election Day (that being November 16 for the earliest date to canvass), or later than the fourteenth day after Election Day (that being November 22 for the latest date to canvass). Texas Election Code, Sec. 67.003(c).
 3. Runoff election must be ordered not later than the fifth day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed, that being not later than Saturday November 26. Texas Election Code, Sec. 2.024.

4. The period for early voting by personal appearance begins on the 17th day before runoff election day and continues through the fourth day before runoff election day, unless it is not possible to begin early voting on the prescribed date. Texas Election Code, Sec. 85.001(a) and (d).
5. Application must be submitted on or after the 60th day before runoff election day (that being October 14) and before the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12:00 noon, whichever is later, on the 9th day before runoff election day (that being 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 4) unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day (that being Friday, December 2). Texas Election Code, Sec. 84.007(c).
6. Opposed candidate in runoff shall file one report for that election, which is required to be received by the City Clerk not later than the 8th day before runoff election day (that being December 5). Election Code, Sec. 254.064(e).
7. Required reports must be received by the City Clerk by the deadline. Texas Election Code, Sec. 254.064(e).
8. The period for early voting by personal appearance begins on the 17th day before runoff election day (that being Saturday, November 26, but the deadline is extended by Texas Election Code, Sec. 1.006 to the next regular business day which is Monday, November 28), and continues through the fourth day before runoff election day (that being December 9). Texas Election Code, Sec. 85.001(a).
9. Runoff election must be held not earlier than the 20th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed. Election Code, Sec. 2.025(a).
10. Canvass must be held not earlier than the eighth day after Election Day (that being December 21 for the earliest date to canvass), or later than the fourteenth day after Election Day (that being December 27 for the latest date to canvass.) Texas Election Code, Sec. 67.003(c).
11. Candidate shall file semiannual report not later than January 17, 2017. Texas Election Code, Sec. 254.063(a)(c). Officeholder shall file semiannual report not later than January 15 unless the deadline is extended because of a weekend or holiday. Texas Election Code, Sec. 254.093(a)(c). Texas Ethics Commission's "Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities" provides as follows: "The deadline for filing a report is 5 p.m. on the due date" and "... a document is filed on time if it is properly addressed with postage or handling charges prepaid and bears a postmark or receipt mark of a common or contract carrier indicating a time on or before the deadline."